



5TH ANNUAL SUMMER EDUCATION CONFERENCE

June 12-13, 2012 - Ramkota Hotel, Pierre
Registration starts at 7:15 a.m. - Conference starts at 8:45 a.m.

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June 12, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Poverty 101: See Poverty, Be the Difference

Donna M. Beegle, Ed.D is a highly experienced national public speaker, discussion leader, trainer, and author of "See Poverty, Be The Difference," a resource book for professionals who work with people in poverty. Her newest publication, "An Action Approach to Educating Students in Poverty", offers groundbreaking strategies for breaking poverty barriers. Donna's passion is to ensure that all people have authentic opportunities to move out and stay out of the war zone of poverty. This session will provide meaningful, concrete strategies and materials that you can use right away to make a difference for those you serve.

June 13, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Social Thinking

It is important to learning and growth throughout life. Most of us develop our communication skills as we grow up, steadily observing and acquiring social information and learning how to respond to the people around us. But many do not. And this often has nothing to do with a conventional understanding or "intelligence." Social Thinking strategies teach individuals:

- How their own social minds work - why they and others react and respond the way they do;
- How their behaviors affects those around them;
- And from this, how behaviors are affecting their own emotions, responses to and relationships with others across different social contexts.

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